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Handwriting Expert Declares Mary J. Oliver's Name Was Wrongly Put on Deeds.

HER HEIRS MAKE A CONTEST.

Beneficiary in Transfer of Property Insists That Land Was Given to Her in Friendship.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Dec. 5.—Several papers purporting to have been executed by the late Mrs. Mary J. Oliver were examined in the office of Assistant District Attorney Paul Krotel by David N. Carvalho, an expert in handwriting, who pronounced them crude forgeries. Mr. Carvalho will study the signatures, and Mr. Krotel will investigate the charges that have been laid before him by Mrs. Oliver's relatives.

Mrs. Oliver lived in penury at No. 223 Second avenue, and her neighbors deemed her poor. It was only after her death that the fact became known that she had owned property worth \$25,000. Her only daughter is Mrs. Philip Campbell, who is in a sanitarium and is said to be incurably insane. Mrs. Campbell has three children—William N. Campbell of No. 246 Eighth-street, Bismarck; Mrs. J. R. Jacobson of No. 24 East One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, Manhattan; and Mrs. C. L. Stevenson.

The used woman had not been on terms of intimacy with her grandchildren. They came forward when she died to claim her property, and discovered that within a few months she had been given a deed conveying to Mrs. Mary J. Oliver five pieces of property on the east side of Harlem, in each instance for a nominal consideration. Mrs. Oliver's best friend and adviser was Miss Alderice, a lawyer. She is now under investigation for the name of James Alderice as Commissioner of Deeds. Miss Alderice insists that the deeds were made out to her as a mark of gratitude for the care she had given to Mrs. Oliver during a period of nine years, when the woman had been deserted by her relatives.

Lawyers refused to sue Mrs. Oliver at law, and she declared that Mrs. Oliver never intended to have her property pass out of her family. They disputed the validity of the deeds and finally presented the matter to the District Attorney and Mr. Carvalho was summoned.

Those are the clumsiest forgeries I ever saw in all my life," exclaimed the expert after a cursory examination. James Alderice, a son of the clergyman and a brother of the beneficiary named in the deeds, said:

"The entire matter will be cleared up in a few days, and my relatives without a cent. It was by Mrs. Oliver's express desire that the deeds were not recorded until after her death. She wished to have the fact withheld from her relatives to the point of their disappointment. No mother could feel more bitterly toward a daughter than Mrs. Oliver did."

Mrs. Campbell obtained \$50,000 from her mother and used the money in speculations. Bitter quarrels followed and Mrs. Oliver planned retribution, giving the property to her sister, not so much through gratitude as to prove her spite against Mrs. Campbell. The deeds are perfectly legal, and I can produce all the evidence to that effect that is necessary."

Mrs. Jacobson said she and the other heirs were convinced that the deeds were forgeries and the case would be contested to the end. Mrs. Oliver has told her that repeated attempts had been made to in-

duce her to sign papers, but that she had persistently refused.

Miss Alderice has presented to William Campbell a demand for \$11,000 in bonds found in Mrs. Oliver's room, insisting that she is entitled to these securities.

Miss Alderice resides at No. 197 Summit avenue, Jersey City, with her brother, James Alderice, a lawyer. She is pursuing a course of studies at the New York University.

SPRINGFIELD WOMEN PLEAD TO SEE STRUBE.

Sheriff Is Disgusted by Sentimentalism Over Self-Confessed Murderer and Will Admit None to Call.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 5.—Notwithstanding Sheriff Brainerd's announcement yesterday that no more visitors would be allowed to look upon Fred Strube, the self-confessed murderer of Alice Henninger at Havana, Ill., nearly fifty women called at the county jail today and begged the officers in charge to permit them to meet the prisoner.

The sentimentalism displayed by Springfield women in behalf of the prisoner has disgusted the Sheriff's force, and all callers are met with prompt refusal.

Strube appeared restless in his cell today. He talked but little and continued to hold himself aloof from the other prisoners. Evidently the visit of his father and brother yesterday has unsettled the young murderer. For the first time since his incarceration, his appetite failed him this morning, and he ate only a few mouthfuls.

Sheriff Brainerd scouts the idea that any effort will be made to take Strube from jail. Reports have come that indignant members of the Henninger family are organizing for this purpose, but no credence is given the report. As a precaution, however, Sheriff Brainerd sleeps at the jail every night, and his entire force of deputies is kept within easy call.

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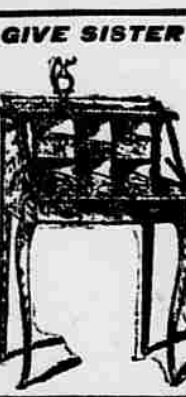
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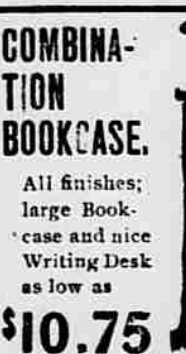
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